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1. LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

Approvals and Notifications: Seven Approvals/Notifications were issued to dischargers regarding their Board Orders:

- County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works, Lucerne Valley Sanitary Landfill, subject to Board Order R7-2005-0097, was issued a letter of Technical Adequacy on October 14, 2022, for a 5-Year Updates for Facility including Final Post Closure Maintenance Plan and Non-Water Corrective Action Plan, San Bernardino County. [*Scot Stormo*]
- Biane Guard, LLC, Smoke Tree Villas, subject to Board Order R7-2006-0038 was issued a letter on October 25, 2022, requesting discharger comments on a revised Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Facility. The discharger was requested to comment by November 25, 2022. San Bernardino County [*Wendy Wyels*]
- Castleback Twentynine Palms Owner, LLC, Fairfield Inn, subject to Board Order R7-2009-0009 was issued a letter on October 26, 2022, requesting discharger comments on a revised Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Facility. The discharger was requested to comment by November 26, 2022. San Bernardino County. [*Wendy Wyels*]
- Two-Nine Hospitality Inc. dba, Holiday Inn Express Twentynine Palms, subject to Board Order R7-2009-0010 was issued a letter on October 26, 2022, requesting the discharger complete a Board Order Transfer Request to update the land owner information for the Facility. The discharger was also asked to comment on an updated Monitoring and Reporting Program. The discharger was requested to return a completed Board Transfer Request and provide comments by November 26, 2022. San Bernardino County. [*Wendy Wyels*]
- Desert Vista Village LLC, subject to Board Order R7-2007-0008 was issued a letter on October 26, 2022, requesting the discharger complete a Board Order Transfer Request to update the land owner information for the Facility. The discharger was also asked to comment on an updated Monitoring and Reporting Program. The discharger was requested to return a completed Board Transfer Request and provide comments by November 26, 2022. San Bernardino County. [*Wendy Wyels*]
- Truck Rock 29 HOA, subject to Board Order R7-2006-0036 was issued a letter on October 26, 2022, requesting comments on an updated Monitoring and Reporting Program. The discharger was requested to comment by November 26, 2022. San Bernardino County. [*Wendy Wyels*]
- Desert Knoll Inc., subject to Board Order R7-2006-0057 was issued a letter on October 26, 2022, requesting comments on an updated Monitoring and Reporting Program. The discharger was requested to comment by November 26, 2022. San Bernardino County. [*Wendy Wyels*]

Notices of Termination: Three Notices of Termination were issued to dischargers enrolled in General Orders:

- VetsLeaf., subject to State Water Board General Order WQ-2019-001-DWQ, was issued a Notice of Termination letter on October 17, 2022, after submitting a Site Closure Report on October 1, 2022, Riverside County. [*Zakary Owens and Kathleen Bindl*]
- FD Cali D1, LLC., subject to State Water Board General Order WQ-2019-001-DWQ, was issued a Notice of Termination letter on October 17, 2022, after submitting a Site Closure Report on September 28, 2022, Riverside County. [*Zakary Owens and Kathleen Bindl*]
- Morongo Unified School District, Maintenance and Operations, subject to Regional Water Board General Order 97-700(119), was issued a Notice of Termination letter on October 24, 2022, for Yucca Valley High School. [*Abid Khalaf*]

2. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS/NON-POINT SOURCE PROGRAM

Yucca Valley OWTS Prohibition Enforcement

On October 6, WQS staff issued 295 notices of violation to owners of properties who have not connected to the collection system to comply with the prohibition of discharge from onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS). The notices provided WQS staff's contact information and subsequently staff answered dozens of phone calls and emails to provide additional information and to follow up with dischargers who are experiencing a variety of issues completing their connections. [*Maria Davydova-Flores, ES*]

Yucca Valley OWTS Prohibition Revision Basin Plan Amendment OAL Review

Staff coordinated with the State Board Basin Planning liaison on the submittal of the Basin Plan Amendment Administrative record to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review. The liaison submitted the documents to OAL on October 19, commencing a 30-day review period. [*Maria Davydova-Flores, ES*]

Salton Sea Habitats Field Trip

On October 25, staff took State Board staff from Division of Water Quality and Division of Water Rights on a tour of the area around the Salton Sea and the California Natural Resources Agency's Species Conservation Habitat Project. State Board staff on the tour were interested in seeing the area to better understand water quality issues and to get information for planning the 2023 Salton Sea workshop. [*Maria Davydova-Flores, ES; Emma McCorkle, Senior ES*]

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Work Group

On October 17, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Work Group met virtually to go over presentations and get feedback on information to present to the Forum at the October 24-25 Forum and Advisory Council Meeting in Lake Tahoe. Federal agency partners, including U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Bureau of

Reclamation (USBR), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), presented updates on their various salinity control projects in the Basin. Updates were also given on the Triennial Review process and an overview of the model to determine the Colorado River’s salt load over the next several years. New data is added to the model prior to every Triennial Review so that it is applicable to current conditions. [Emma McCorkle, Senior ES]

3. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM

Regional Water Board staff continues to work with staff from the Department of Defense (DoD) to expedite ongoing activities at cleanup sites located at military facilities within the Colorado River Basin Region. The Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Site Cleanup Program (SCP) staff issued correspondence reviewing technical reports, requesting site access, providing direction for site assessment, and approving remedial action plans for sites currently in the assessment and cleanup process. The following table lists the correspondence regarding DoD, UST and SCP projects issued in October 2022.

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
October 10, 2022	Request for Additional Information Regarding Underground Storage Tank 10	Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County, GeoTracker Global ID No.: T060719383	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
October 10, 2022	Comments on the Draft Technical Memorandum, Low-Threat Closure Evaluation for Installation Restoration Site 7	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California; GeoTracker ID No: DOD100319000	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
October 14, 2022	Clarification on Liability for Underground Storage Tank Releases	Calipatria Queen Market 7788, 101 East Main Street, Calipatria, California 92233, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000011602	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
October 18, 2022	Draft Field Activities Summary Report Shoreline and Inspection Area Survey and Surface Removal	Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker ID No.: T10000007745	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
October 20, 2022	Final Work Plan Landfill Cover Maintenance and Repair, Installation Restoration Site 14	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms California, GeoTracker ID No.: T10000004915	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
October 20, 2022	Draft Work Plan Long-Term Monitoring, Landfill Inspection, and Maintenance for Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker ID Nos.: DOD100312800 and DOD100317400	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
October 24, 2022	Review of Technical Report Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10; Corrective Action Requirements	Amigo Mini Mart, 85509 Highway 111 Coachella, Riverside County, Global ID No.: T0606500931 (APN 778-041-001)	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
October 24, 2022	Final Additional Site Assessment Work Plan for the KC-130 Fuel Release	KC-130 Fuel Release Site – Agricultural Field, 5900 Polk Street, Thermal, Riverside County; GeoTracker Global ID No.: T10000018709	Alexander Valentine, Engineering Geologist
October 26, 2022	Draft Feasibility Study Redline, Munitions Response Program Site 4, Former Turret and Skeet Range	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California; GeoTracker Global ID No.: T10000004915	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist

4. NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredged or Fill Discharges): The following table shows the certifications that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in September and October. *[Logan Raub, ES]*

Issuance Date	Applicant	Project	WDID#
9/13/2022	Kinder Morgan	Frink Station Washout Repair Project	7A133172001
10/24/2022	California Department of Transportation	1C081 Interstate 10 Pavement Rehabilitation Project	7A333246001

5. Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

Number	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	EO Execution Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000 *\$87,000	2/13/19 *11/06/19	3/12/19 *12/05/19	3/13/19	4/11/19 *12/05/19 In settlement discussion *Stipulated Order was not adopted at 9/13/22 Board Meeting		2 *29
2	Seeley CWD	Bacteria indicator & Free Cyanide	\$27,000 *\$39,000	8/11/2021 *9/2/21	9/8/21 *9/23/21		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		9 *13
3	Niland SD	Bacteria indicator, BOD, Chlorine Residual	\$45,000	7/29/2022	8/29/22		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		15
4	Imperial WWTP	Bacterial indicator	\$6,000	11/18/2022					2
5	Calipatria WWTP	TSS & Oil/Grease	\$9,000	11/18/2022					3
	TOTAL:		\$93,000 *\$126,000						31 *42

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (November 2022)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
5	26

[Maribel Schiavone, SEA; Kai Dunn, Supervising WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.]